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MEMORANDUM FOR : Personnel Officer

SUBJECT : Medical Officers

1. With reference to your memorandum to me dated 19 January, I suggest that we not confuse the problem by committing ourselves to specific long-range assignment of Flight Surgeons. At this stage I feel it is better to obtain them and get them on board. There is the possibility that many changes may take place in the future with regard to assignment of specific individuals and we can handle the problem outlined in your memo at that time.

2. I agree with your statement that the organization of Flight Surgeons at Headquarters, Watertown, and Detachments must be aligned in accordance with seniority. In addition it is hoped that once we are organized and have experience factors behind us in the medical field it may be possible that the requirement for a Project Flight Surgeon can be terminated.

3. With regard to the procurement of a Flight Surgeon for Base C, I feel that we should continue as suggested by [redacted]. Here again the training that these officers receive will be of great benefit to both the Air Force and our project at a later date. In other words, it may be necessary to transfer an officer in this career field back to the Air Force if our needs are fully met.

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